

Priorities Listed On Green River

State Engineer Wayne D. Criddle has established priorities for 10 applications for Utah's share of the Green River filed with him since the waters were reopened to filing early in December.

The waters had been closed to filing since 1946 to reserve spring runoff for the Central Utah Project.

Mr. Biddle explained that the filings approved for priorities, if fully used, would take more than Utah's potential 1.7 million acre-feet of water from the Colorado River.

SOME ALTERNATES

Some of the filings, however, are alternates. Which will actually be used depends upon the sequence and the locations of individual projects built as part of the Central Utah Project, he said.

"I will not rule on the application of the Resources Co. of Arizona for 102,000 acre-feet of water for a steam electric plant near Warm Creek, Kane County, until Feb. 15," he said.

The priorities approved and their order, follow:

—Central Utah Conservancy District for 6.55 cubic feet of water per second from Duchesne River for use by the Rocky Point Ditch Co.

BUREAU FILING

—U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for 200,000 acre-feet of Duchesne and Strawberry River water for the Starvation Reservoir.

—U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for 500,000 acre-feet of water for the Bonneville unit.

—Dry Gulch Irrigation Co., 650 acre-feet to establish storage rights in existing reservoirs on tributaries of the Uintah River. (Two applications.)

UPALCO UNIT

—U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, 100,000 acre-feet for Upalco unit.

—Monarch Canal & Reservoir Co., 500 acre-feet to enlarge reservoir and build a new one on high mountain lakes within the Dry Gulch Creek drainage.

—U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, 100,000 acre-feet, Uinta unit of the Central Utah Project affecting the Uinta River particularly.

—U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, 1,400,000 acre-feet for ultimate phase of Central Utah Project.

Utah Engineer Hands Out Priorities on Green River

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Utah State Engineer Wayne D. Criddle assigned more than two million acre-feet in water right priorities on the Green River's Uintah Basin drainage system Thursday.

"This represents an essential step in the development of the Central Utah Project," Mr. Criddle explained.

The project is designed to put most of Utah's Colorado River water allocation to irrigation, municipal and industrial use.

Consequently, high priorities assigned by Mr. Criddle Thursday went to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation agent through which the Central Utah Project's dams, reservoirs, canals and transmission systems will materialize.

It was to preserve remaining

water rights on the Green River's Uintah Basin drainage for the envisioned project that the area was closed to water claim adjudication by Gov. Herbert B. Maw in 1946.

Gov. George D. Clyde opened it for filings last November and the state engineer conducted hearings.

In his order Thursday, Mr. Criddle gave first priority to the Central Utah Water Conservancy District's request for six and one-half cubic feet per second on the Duchesne River.

Protects Use

It protects existing use by the Rocky Point Ditch Co., Mr. Criddle said.

The next awarded priority was 200,000 acre-feet to the USBR on the Duchesne and Strawberry rivers for construction of Strawberry Reservoir with a feeder canal from the Duchesne River.

The bureau was granted 500,000 acre-feet on the Duchesne River. This provides water for the Central Utah Project's Bonneville Unit.

250 Acre Feet

At Lake Atwood and Fox Lake, the state engineer gave the Dry Gulch Irrigation Co. 250 acre-feet and 400 acre-feet-a-year priorities.

Then for the Central Utah Project's Upalco Unit, the USBR got 100,000 acre-feet on the Lake Fork River; the Monarch Canal and Reservoir Co. was awarded 500 acre-feet on Dry Gulch Creek, and for the project's Uintah Unit the USBR received 100,000 acre-feet on the Uintah River.

Finally, the USBR was granted a ninth-place priority of 1,400,000 acre-feet from the Green River for the Central Utah Project's ultimate phase.

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